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72/268. Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 71/159 of 15 December 2016, entitled "Global health and foreign policy: health employment and economic growth", in which it decided to hold a high-level meeting in 2018 on the fight against tuberculosis,

Recalling also its resolution 71/3 of 5 October 2016, entitled "Political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on antimicrobial resistance", and its resolution 70/266 of 8 June 2016, entitled "Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: On the Fast Track to Accelerating the Fight against HIV and to Ending the AIDS Epidemic by 2030",

Recognizing that through the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development[1] and its Sustainable Development Goals in September 2015, Heads of State and Government made a bold commitment to ending the tuberculosis epidemic by 2030,

Recognizing also the World Health Organization End TB Strategy, endorsed by the sixty-seventh World Health Assembly, in 2014,[2]

Taking note of the *Global Tuberculosis Report 2017* of the World Health Organization,

Emphasizing that current global actions and investments fall far short of those needed to end the global tuberculosis epidemic,

Welcoming the convening of the World Health Organization First Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Tuberculosis in the Sustainable Development Era: A Multisectoral Response, held in Moscow on 16 and 17 November 2017, and taking

[1] Resolution 70/1.

[2] See World Health Organization, document WHA67/2014/REC/1, resolution 67.1.

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note with appreciation of its outcome, which forms part of the way towards the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on tuberculosis,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the options and modalities for the organization of the high-level meeting on tuberculosis convened by the President of the General Assembly,[3]

1. *Decides* that the one-day high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis convened by the President of the General Assembly shall be held in New York on the second day of the general debate of the Assembly at its seventy-third session, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., consisting of an opening segment, a plenary segment for general discussion, two multi-stakeholder panels and a brief closing segment;

2. *Also decides* that the overall theme of the high-level meeting will be "United to end tuberculosis: an urgent global response to a global epidemic";

3. *Further decides* that:

(a) The opening segment, to be held from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m., will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-third session, the Secretary-General, the Director General of the World Health Organization, the Chair of the Stop TB Partnership and the Chair of the World Health Organization First Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Tuberculosis in the Sustainable Development Era: A Multisectoral Response, as well as an eminent high-level champion of the fight against tuberculosis and a person affected by tuberculosis, both selected, in consultation with Member States, by the President of the General Assembly, giving due consideration to gender equity;

(b) The plenary segment, to be held from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m., will comprise statements by Member States and observers of the General Assembly; a list of speakers will be established in accordance with established practices of the Assembly, and the time limits for these statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States;

4. *Decides* that the organizational arrangements for the two multi-stakeholder panels will be as follows:

(a) Two consecutive multi-stakeholder panels will be held in parallel to the plenary segment, one from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the other from 3 to 4.30 p.m.;

(b) The multi-stakeholder panels will address the following themes:

Panel 1: Accelerating comprehensive response through access to affordable prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care to end the tuberculosis epidemic, including multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis, taking into consideration co-morbidities and the linkages to relevant health challenges on each country's path towards achieving universal health coverage, taking note of and building on the efforts concerning an accountability framework to drive multisectoral action, as envisaged in the Moscow ministerial declaration;

Panel 2: Scaling up sufficient and sustainable national and international financing and implementation for service delivery, innovation and research and development to identify new diagnostics, drugs, vaccines and other prevention strategies;

(c) Each of the two multi-stakeholder panels will be co-chaired by two representatives, one from a high-tuberculosis-burden country and one from a low-tuberculosis-burden country with successful tuberculosis control programmes, to be

[3] A/72/645.

appointed by the President of the General Assembly from among the Heads of State or Government attending the high-level meeting, in consultation with the regional groups;

(d) The President of the General Assembly may invite parliamentarians, local governments, the heads or senior representatives of relevant United Nations entities, civil society, the private sector, academia, medical associations, indigenous leadership and community organizations to serve as speakers on the panels, taking into account gender equity, level of development and geographical representation;

5. *Also decides* that the closing segment by the President of the General Assembly will comprise summaries of the multi-stakeholder panels and concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly and a statement by a person affected by tuberculosis;

6. *Further decides* that the high-level meeting shall approve a concise and action-oriented political declaration, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations, to be submitted by the President of the General Assembly for adoption by the Assembly;

7. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, with the support of the World Health Organization and the Stop TB Partnership, hosted by the United Nations Office for Project Services, to organize and preside over an interactive civil society hearing, no later than July 2018, with the active participation of appropriate senior-level representatives of Member States, observers of the General Assembly, parliamentarians, representatives of local government, relevant United Nations entities, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, invited civil society organizations, academia, medical associations and the private sector, as well as people affected by tuberculosis and broader communities, ensuring the participation and voices of women, girls and indigenous leadership as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, and also requests the President to prepare a summary of the hearing prior to the high-level meeting;

8. *Encourages* all Member States to participate in the high-level meeting, including the multi-stakeholder panels, at the highest possible level, preferably at the level of Heads of State and Government;

9. *Invites* all observers of the General Assembly to be represented at the highest possible level;

10. *Invites* the United Nations system, including funds, programmes and specialized agencies, including the World Health Organization, regional commissions and relevant envoys of the Secretary-General, as well as the Stop TB Partnership, hosted by the United Nations Office for Project Services, UNITAID, hosted by the World Health Organization, and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, as appropriate, to participate in the high-level meeting, as appropriate, and urges them to consider initiatives in support of the preparatory process and the meeting, particularly with regard to sharing good practices, challenges and lessons learned from tuberculosis-related responses;

11. *Invites* non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council with relevant expertise to register with the Secretariat to attend the meeting;

12. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of other relevant representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector with expertise in tuberculosis who may attend the high-level meeting and participate in the interactive

civil society hearing and the multi-stakeholder panels, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard to the meaningful participation of women, and to submit the list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis;[4]

13. *Invites* members of civil society, especially those representing communities and those in vulnerable situations heavily affected by tuberculosis, to make a fundamental contribution to the process in terms of raising awareness of the issues faced by the poorest and most marginalized populations of the world;

14. *Encourages* Member States to consider including in their national delegations representatives such as parliamentarians, mayors and governors of cities and states with a high burden of tuberculosis, representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, indigenous leadership, community organizations and faith-based organizations, academia, philanthropic foundations, the private sector and networks representing people affected by tuberculosis, with due regard to gender equity;

15. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session, in consultation with Member States, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting.

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[4] The list of proposed as well as final names will be brought to the attention of the General Assembly. Where a name is objected to, the objecting Member State will, on a voluntary basis, make known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly the general basis of its objections and the Office will share any information received with any Member State upon its request.

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72/269. Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 31/192 of 22 December 1976, 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 56/245 of 24 December 2001, 57/284 A and B of 20 December 2002, 58/286 of 8 April 2004, 59/267 of 23 December 2004, 60/258 of 8 May 2006, 61/238 of 22 December 2006, 61/260 of 4 April 2007, 62/226 of 22 December 2007, 62/246 of 3 April 2008, 64/262 of 29 March 2010, 65/270 of 4 April 2011, 66/259 of 9 April 2012, 67/256 of 12 April 2013, 68/266 of 9 April 2014, 69/275 of 2 April 2015, 70/257 of 1 April 2016 and 71/281 of 6 April 2017,

Reaffirming the statute of the Unit[1] and the unique role of the Unit as the only external and independent system-wide inspection, evaluation and investigation body,

I
Report of the Joint Inspection Unit

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2017 and programme of work for 2018[2] and the note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Unit for 2017,[3]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2017 and programme of work for 2018;[2]

2. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Unit for 2017;[3]

3. *Reiterates its request* to the executive heads of the participating organizations to comply fully with the statutory procedures for consideration of the reports of the Unit and, in particular, to submit their comments, including information

[1] Resolution 31/192, annex.
[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/72/34).
[3] A/72/733.

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on what they intend to do regarding the recommendations of the Unit, to distribute reports in time for their consideration by legislative organs and to provide information on the steps to be taken to implement those recommendations accepted by the legislative organs and the executive heads of participating organizations;

4. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General and the other executive heads of the participating organizations to fully assist the Unit with the timely provision of all information requested by it;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, and invites the executive heads of organizations participating in the Unit, to take the necessary measures to ensure that the thematic reports of the Unit are listed under the appropriate substantive agenda items of the work programmes of the General Assembly, other pertinent organs and bodies of the United Nations and the appropriate legislative organs of the other participating organizations;

6. *Stresses* the importance of the oversight functions of the Unit in identifying concrete managerial, administrative and programming questions within the participating organizations and providing the General Assembly and other legislative organs of participating organizations with practical and action-oriented recommendations to improve and strengthen the governance of the United Nations as a whole;

7. *Reaffirms* article 20 of the statute of the Unit,[1] in which it is stipulated that the Unit shall be invited to be represented at meetings when its budget estimates are being discussed;

8. *Recognizes* that the effectiveness of the Unit system-wide is a shared responsibility of the Unit, the Member States and the secretariats of the participating organizations;

9. *Also recognizes* the need to continue to enhance the impact of the Unit on the management efficiency and transparency of the participating organizations within the United Nations system;

10. *Reiterates its request* to the Unit to consider optimizing the number of projects in its programme of work through prioritization;

11. *Also reiterates its request* to the Unit to continue to focus its reports on priority items of the participating organizations and the States Members of the United Nations, including by taking into consideration the programme of work of the General Assembly, with the aim of providing the Assembly and other legislative organs of participating organizations with thematic reports of the Unit that can be used to maximum effect;

12. *Welcomes* the coordination of the Unit with the Board of Auditors and the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat, and encourages those bodies to continue to share experiences, knowledge, best practices and lessons learned with other United Nations audit and oversight bodies, as well as with the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, with a view to avoiding overlap or duplication and achieving further synergy, cooperation, effectiveness and efficiency, without prejudice to the respective mandates of the audit and oversight bodies;

13. *Also welcomes* the completion of the migration of the web-based tracking system and the website of the Unit to platforms hosted by the Secretariat, and requests the heads of participating organizations to make full use of the web-based tracking system of the Unit;

II
Outcome of the review of the follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit reports and recommendations by the United Nations system organizations

Having considered the notes by the Secretary-General[4] drawing to the attention of the General Assembly the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Outcome of the review of the follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit reports and recommendations by the United Nations system organizations"[5] and transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,[6]

1. *Takes note* of the notes by the Secretary-General;[4,6]

2. *Invites* the Joint Inspection Unit to continue to provide an in-depth analysis of how the recommendations of the Unit are being implemented;

3. *Encourages* the heads of participating organizations to examine possible options for improving coordinated action, including through the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, in response to relevant recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit;

4. *Reiterates its invitation* to the legislative organs of the participating organizations to fully consider, discuss and take concrete action in a timely manner on the relevant recommendations issued by the Unit, including follow-up, as appropriate, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 4 of its resolution 50/233;

5. *Requests* the executive heads of the participating organizations who have not yet done so to establish a direct reporting line from the Joint Inspection Unit focal points to top management.

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[4] A/72/704.
[5] JIU/REP/2017/5.
[6] A/72/704/Add.1.

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72/270. Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 66/240 A of 24 December 2011, 66/240 B of 21 June 2012, 67/244 A of 24 December 2012, 67/244 B of 12 April 2013, 68/257 of 27 December 2013, 68/267 of 9 April 2014, 69/256 of 29 December 2014, 69/276 of 2 April 2015, 70/243 of 23 December 2015, 70/258 of 1 April 2016 and 71/282 of 6 April 2017,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[2]

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[1] A/72/734.
[2] A/72/785.

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